

Mr. WILKES's *Address* to the LIVERY *versified*.

FELLOW-CITIZENS, Liverymen, Brethren and Friends!

And all who contribute to answer *my Ends*,
The Motives which govern my Conduct 'tis known
Are your *Independence* and *Int'rest* alone;
For you *all* know, I never once thought of *my own*. }

It is prov'd, though alas! I had the *Minority*,
That *Brib'ry* and *Perjury* got the Majority:
Such Crowds from all Officers under the Crown,
To oppose a poor Patriot, sure never came down!
Malice, *Scandal* and *Falshood* (from *all* which I'm free)
By the Tools of the Court, were employ'd against me;
'Gainst your WILKES—who to *Fortune* and *Interest* blind,
Has *beggar'd* himself—for the Good of Mankind;
Who, though, nor a *Bank*—nor an *India* DIRECTOR,
Was ever the *Widows* and *Orphans* Protector.——
Of my Virtues *unfulfill'd* your Voices all ring;
I ne'er fail'd in my Duty to GOD or my KING!
Nay, the Rich, Proud and Great always kept in Subjection.——
——And yet, after all——thus to lose my Election!——
O! Treatment enormous!—O foulest of Deeds!
Which the *Doings* at SHAFTSB'RY and HINDON exceeds.

But these horrid Proceedings will soon (as they ought)
Before a supreme Court of Justice be brought,
When, I doubt not, the LIV'RY will seize the Occasions
To oppose, with due Spirit, such shameful Invasions.

You will judge likewise, whether my Rival's late Post,
Is not quite inconsistent with his former Boast.——
For how can he keep of the *Bank* the *Direction*,
(A Place the Court put him in, since th' Election)
When he promis'd to give his whole Time and Attention
To the CHAMBERLAINSHIP—as I need not to mention.——
Thus you see his *Word* stands on a very weak *Basis*;
Unless you could meet him at *once* in *two* Places.——
O Conduct absurd!——But I ask your Adherence,
And humbly intreat for your early Appearance
In *riotous* Crowds to *buzza* in my Favour,
Which I think I have merited by my Behaviour:
For it must be both *mine*, and my Creditors *Ruin*,
If you don't vote for *me*——on the *Poll* that's ensuing.

Guildhall,

Yours, respectfully, &c.

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